

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended) A suspension strut comprising:

a cylinder;

a chamber surrounding said cylinder, said chamber being at least partially filled with hardenable material; and

a spring collar having a sleeve section which is received in said hardenable material so that said material, in a solid state, transmits a supporting force from the cylinder to the spring collar;

wherein said sleeve section is received in said chamber with a radial clearance between the sleeve section and the cylinder so that the sleeve section can be installed in said chamber at a predetermined acute angle to said cylinder.

Claim 2 (currently amended) A suspension strut as in claim 1, wherein the

~~sleeve section has a radial clearance with respect to said cylinder, said clearance limiting limits~~
~~said predetermined acute angle.~~

Claim 3 (original) A suspension strut as in claim 1 further comprising a support ring which is axially fixed to said cylinder, said support ring and said cylinder forming said chamber.

Claim 4 (original) A suspension strut as in claim 3 wherein said support ring comprises a base and a sleeve, said sleeve section being received between said sleeve and cylinder.

Claim 5 (original) A suspension strut as in claim 4 wherein said sleeve section is separated from said sleeve by a radial gap.

Claim 6 (original) A suspension strut as in claim 4 further comprising a seal between said sleeve section and said cylinder, and a seal between said sleeve section and said sleeve.

Claim 7 (currently amended) The suspension strut unit of claim 2 further comprising a convexly shaped bearing area between said sleeve section and said cylinder, said radial clearance being almost completely closed by adjacent to said convexly shaped bearing area.

Claim 8 (original) A suspension strut as in claim 7, wherein said bearing area is formed by said cylinder.

Claim 9 (original) A suspension strut as in claim 7, wherein said bearing area is formed by a separate bearing element.

Claim 10 (original) A suspension strut as in claim 7 further comprising a support ring which is axially fixed to said cylinder, said support ring and said cylinder forming said chamber, said support ring being supported at a predetermined angle with respect to said cylinder.

Claim 11 (original) A suspension strut as in claim 10 further comprising a bearing fixed to cylinder, said bearing having a concave bearing surface, said support ring having a convex bearing surface which is supported by said concave bearing surface.

Claim 12 (original) A suspension strut as in claim 11 wherein said convex bearing surface and said concave bearing surface have respective radii of curvature with a common center.